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## **IMPORT HEALTH REQUIREMENTS OF ARGENTINA FOR BOVINE SEMEN EXPORTED FROM THE UNITED STATES**

The semen must be accompanied by a bilingual U.S. Origin Health Certificate issued by a veterinarian authorized by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and endorsed by a Veterinary Services (VS) veterinarian. The certificate shall contain the name and address of both the consignor and consignee and complete identification of the semen to be exported.

An approved model health certificate dated March 21, 2005, is available on the Internet on [http://www.aphis.usda.gov/vs/ncie/iregs/animals/ar\\_bo\\_se\\_hc0305.pdf](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/vs/ncie/iregs/animals/ar_bo_se_hc0305.pdf).

### **OTHER INFORMATION**

1. Argentina has indicated that it will not accept semen from bulls born before August 4, 1997. Any shipment containing semen from these bulls must be consulted with SENASA - Argentina.
2. NCIE is negotiating a modification to statement 5.4 of the bovine semen protocol to Argentina. In the interim, bovine semen may be exported as long as the following language is used and the exporter is willing to take the risk:

Statement 5.4 must read:

"5.4 The donor bulls were born of birth dams that have not presented clinical signs compatible with BSE.

*Los donantes han nacido de madres que nunca han presentado síntomas de enfermedad compatible con la EEB."*